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The receipts of the Laymen's League for the year 1911 were \$116.26. The expenditures were \$91.79. Balance in treasury January 1st, 1912, \$19.47.

We are now planning for our special Easter services which will begin about the middle of March. Full announcements will be made in the March issue of the Visitor.

At a meeting of the consistory held Wednesday evening, February 7th, it was decided that when the mercury registers zero weather on Sunday the services will be held in the lecture rooms of the church. This is a most delightful place to worship, when it is extremely cold.

We were hoping to have enough money paid in on the pledges to pay off the whole amount of the church debt before the close of last month but we were disappointed. We are hoping, however, to do this before the first of March. We are anxious to get this old debt out of the way, so that we can push the organ fund. We hope those who have not yet paid their pledges in full will do so as soon as possible.

The pastor has been busy visiting the sick and doing pastoral work. He hopes to visit most of the families within the coming four or five weeks.

The Woman's Aid Society will hold its monthly meeting Thursday afternoon March 7th. From five to eight o'clock the second section of women will serve a supper. There will be an all day sewing at the church Thursday February 2nd. Every woman in the church is invited to this sewing.

The Gleaners' Missionary Society will meet Sunday afternoon, February 18th at two o'clock.

Mrs. Knight entertained the Woman's Missionary Society at her home on Randolph street on Thursday afternoon, February 15th. The women had a very pleasant afternoon together. The next meeting of the society will be held at the home of Mrs. Frank More Thursday afternoon, March 21st.

The women constitutioning section No. 1 had a stormy evening for their chicken supper February 1st. Those who ventured out through the storm were not disappointed in the supper, and had a good social time at the church. The net receipts of the supper were about \$23. Section No. 2 will serve the next supper Thursday, March 7th.

Mrs. Zartman entertained the women of the church at a social afternoon, at the parsonage Thursday, February 8th. While a number of the ladies were detained on account of sickness, Mrs. Zartman was delighted to have such a large representation of the women present at this gathering.

The Laymen's League was entertained at the parsonage Tuesday evening, January 30th. The attendance was larger than usually and the men had an interesting meeting. Two new members were received into the league, Mr. Louis Brewer and Mr. Earl Dinger. This being the annual meeting officers were elected for the year. J. W. Brewer was chosen president; H. E. Vordermark, vice president; Arthur Bitner, secretary; Ernest Close, treasurer. The

social committee appointed by the president is composed of the following members. E. C. Close, H. E. Vordermark, H. E. Metzner. At a meeting of the league held at the church parlors Tuesday evening, February 13 th, Mr. F. R. Dinger was elected to membership. At this meeting it was decided to begin the study of a book entitled "Honor the Lord with thy Substance" by Rev. A. C. Whitmer. Each member was presented with a copy of the book by the pastor. At the next meeting, March 12th, the league will take up the study of the first chapter. We are sure the book will create some interesting discussions.

In the January number of the Visitor the first section of the women appointed to serve supper was published, the remaining sections are as follows:

Section No. 2 will serve supper the first Thursday in March.

Managers—Mesdames Geo. Hessert, C. H. Gumpfer, S. Wertman, Alfred Barbier.

Assistants—Mesdames Henry Kessler, Carl Kessler, John Ruck, W. G. Page, Christian Waldo, Charles Masel, Laura King, W. A. Hobson, Wilhelmina Reiter, S. Schrack, Viola Canning, James Quinn, Louisa Hilgeman, A. W. Main, W. Botteran, Carrie Eckart, Celia Hostman, Ed Riley, C. C. Gumpfer, Louis Bercot, William Martin, Edward Hessert, Chas. Robinson, George Gemmer; and the Misses Dr. Bertha Goba, Rose Goba, Ruth Gumpfer, Emma Bercot, Carrie Quickley, Esther Martin, Ethel King, Luella Hilgeman, Evelyn Wertman, Mildred Wertman Sofa Rietter and Marie Barbier.

Section 3 will serve supper first Thursday in May.

Managers—Mrs. Hildebrand, Mrs. C. F. Close, Mrs. D. E. Null and Miss Anna Doerner.

Assistants—Mesdames C. E. Close, W. F. Close, E. Close, H. E. Metzner, James Evard, Perry Archer, Jacob Hetrick, Kate Certia, Fred Sherer, Clinton

Shultz, Calvin Hosler, Sarah J. Knight, August Guillman, Ed. Warner, Philip Heyman, S. Dukeman, Katie Weiler, S. Brown, Alma Niedheimer, Ed. Chausse, Fred Roth, Mary Richards, Frank Bercot, Kittie Parker, Helena Weickart, R. M. Snyder, Otto Snyder, Oscar Crum, Jennie Miller and Misses Martha Carrol, Bertha Carrol, Ida Kirkham, Lillie Kirkham, Lottie Weiler, Elsie Weickart, Edith Hobson, Julia Bercot, Lucy Bercot, Maud Snyder, Esther Snyder.

Section 4 will serve supper first Thursday in September.

Managers—Mesdames J. H. Straub, William Siebold, Emma Bitner and John Bottger.

Assistants—Mesdames George Smith, Susan Smith, James Smith, Ed. Siebold, Jessie Benton, Lena Fritz, Oscar Riley, Samuel Frederick, Martha Fredrick, David Walters, Daniel Mullen, Henry Kronemiller, Jennie Flooring, Sadie Boals, Susan Deahl, Margaret Weaver, William Fosler, Burt Weaver, Jacob Rudisill, Ernest Payne, Valentine Monn, Luke Durnell, Louis Martin, Rufus Druckenbrod, Ellis W. Masterson, F. D. Knott, Roy Bitner, Frank Thompson, Jennie Smith, Nancy M. Hill, Irma Merrilet, Elnora Logan, and Misses Anna Yeager, Lulu Bitner, Nora Minor, Lizzie Rudisill, Libbie Felger, Estella Bottger, Gertrude Thompson, Maud Frederick, Bertha Weickart, Bertha Bitner.

Annual reports continued from January issue.

GRACE CHURCH VISITOR.

Receipts by advertising\$112.50
Receipts by subscriptions 22.00

Total\$134.50

Expenditures.

To printing paper\$82.50
To stationery, postage,
repairs on parsonage. 18.30

Total expenditures\$100.80

Net receipts\$ 33.70

Receipts for special fund for painting and repairs on parsonage by socials, entertainments, etc., \$27.81.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Total amount received during the year, \$52.51; disbursements, apportionment, \$32.40; contingent fund, \$2.45; jubilee fund, \$10; Miss Cogen, \$15.16; Mrs. Schultz, \$3.00; apportionment, \$13.00; delegates' expenses, \$5.00; total, \$71.26.

MRS. J. H. STRAUB.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY. TOPICS AND LEADERS.

March 21—Hostess, Mrs. Frank More. Scripture lesson, Ps. 30:1-12. Mrs. Rudisill. Prayer for the negroes. Mountain Whites and Japanese on the Pacific Coast. Mission study. Topic, The Race problem. Mrs. A. K. Zartman, (discussion), Mrs. C. F. Close, Mrs. J. H. Straub.

April 18—Hostess, Mrs. John Snyder. Scripture lesson, Acts, 20:16-38, Mrs. J. W. Brewer. Prayer for an efficient and active church membership. Topic, The Social Service of the Church. Mrs. A. K. Zartman, (discussion), Mrs. W. Siebold, Mrs. E. C. Close.

May 16—Hostess, Mrs. William Siebold. Scripture lesson, Acts, 26:1-23, Mrs. George Hesser. Prayers that the church may be kept pure and free from heresy. Topic, Non-Christian Faiths in America. Mrs. A. K. Zartman, (discussion), Miss Libbie Felker, Mrs. Emma Bitner.

June 20—Hostess, Mrs. J. H. Straub. Scripture, Acts, 27:1-24, Mrs. William Hilbisch. Prayer for the prosperity, peace and growth of our own church. Topic, Christian Conservation. Mrs. A. K. Zartman, (discussion, Miss Anna Doerman, Mrs. Frank Leikauf.

July 18—Meeting at park. Business session.

August 15—Hostess, Mrs. Rudisill.

Scripture, Acts, 28:16-31, Mrs. John Bottger. Prayer, Home and Foreign Missions, Home Board, Foreign Board, Laymens work. Review of the year's study. Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

Sept. 19—Hostess, Mrs. A. K. Zartman. Scripture, 11 Cor., 6-10, 17-18, Mrs. F. E. More. Prayers for the general work of the church. Topic, How Every Christian Can be a missionary, Our Opportunities. What are they? Am I doing my best? What is my part?

Oct. 17—Hostess, Mrs. Richard Weller. Scripture, Ps., 96, Mrs. E. C. Close. Prayers for the orphans and destitute. Thank offering for the orphans. Topic, City Missions, Mrs. A. K. Zartman. General discussion.

Nov. 21—Hostess, Mrs. B. Weaver. Scripture, Rom., 15:1-13. Prayer for missions in China. Topic, The Women of China. Our special work among Chinese women and girls. Mrs. A. K. Zartman, (discussion, Mrs. C. H. Gumpfer.

Dec. 19—Hostess, Mrs. George Hesser. Scripture, Isa., 35. Prayers for christian missions in Japan. Topic, The last thirty years of Christian work in Japan compared with the same in United States, Mrs. A. K. Zartman, (discussion, Dr. A. K. Zartman.

Mr. Will Walters was home from Detroit to attend the birthday anniversary of his mother Wednesday, February 7. He is very well pleased with his new position at Detroit.

Four of the young men in the male chorus choir spent Sunday, February 11th at their homes out of the city. Mr. Jones was at Columbus, O.; Mr. Williams at Vanadocia, O.; Mr. Snook at Lima, O.; Mr. Schmidt at Indianapolis. They had a pleasant time and safe return. In their absence we had a ladies quartet which gave us splendid music, at both morning and evening services.

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REV. A. ZARTMAN, Editor and Publisher

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Since the last issue of the Visitor Mr. Charles Gumpfer has been housed up with a bad cold and lumbago. He is about his business again.

Mrs. Susan Smith has been quite ill. She has not been at church for a month or more. While she is about in the house she may not be able to get out for some time.

Mrs. Yeager, residing on Franklin avenue, has been seriously sick. She is some better, but is far from being well.

Mr. Gemmers are now occupying their new home at 818 East Wayne street.

Mrs. May Schaich who was at the Lutheran hospital for an operation before the holidays is improving slowly.

Mrs. Baum who has been a "shut in" for the past three or four years remains in about the same condition. She is always glad to see any of the members of Grace church. They reside on South Hanna street, corner of Pontiac.

Charles Dean, our new janitor, resides at 1431 Grant avenue. If you have any work you can give him, he will be glad to do it for you.

Mrs. Catherine Romy has been confined to the house for a week or more on account of a severe cold.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS FOR 1912.

At a recent meeting of the consistory the following appointments were made for the year: Superintendent, W. F. Close; first assistant, L. W. Hills; second assistant, Dr. A. K. Zartman; secretary and treasurer, Evan Williams; assistant, A. Jones; superintendent for the primary beginners and cradle roll departments, Mrs. Zartman; assistant,

Mrs. W. F. Close; superintendent of the junior department, Miss Lulu Bitner; assistant, Miss Bertha Bitner; pianist, Miss Stella Bottger. Mr. Close was prevailed upon to accept the office of superintendent only upon the condition that he could be assured the hearty co-operation of every member of the church. There should be no questions about this matter; neither preacher or Sunday school superintendent can make his work a success without the help of the church. The members of the consistory have pledged their support to the new superintendent, by this is understood, that they will attend the Sunday school. Just as the members of the church have a right to expect, that the men whom they elect as elders and deacons will attend all of the church services Sabbath morning and evening and thus make the pastor's work effective, so they have a right to expect the officers of the church to support the Sunday school superintendent. What the church membership expects the consistory to do they surely should be ready to do themselves. Let us join hands with our new superintendent and make our Sunday school a greater power for good.

DEATHS.

Michael S. Wickliffe died at his home on Columbia avenue Thursday evening, January 18. He was the son of Richard and Ellen Wickliffe. He was born in Ireland May 18, 1854. He came to America at a very early age in life. He resided for some years at Zanesville, and at Newark, O. Then came to Allen county, Indiana. He was a resident of Fort Wayne for about 35 years. While residing at Zanesville, Ind., he was associated with the Baptist church. He was a wise counselor and good husband; a man who was always pleasant, and was a friend to the needy. His wife, Mrs. Jennie Wickliffe, one son, two brothers and one sister survive him.

The funeral services were held from the home Monday afternoon, January 22.

Mrs. Matilda Walburn, wife of Perry Walburn, died at the home on the Illinois road west of the city, January 21, 1912. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Manet and was born at Peoria, Ill., September 21, 1868. The husband, eight children, the father and mother, five sisters and one brother survive her. The funeral services were at the home Wednesday forenoon, January 24.

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Y. P. S. C. E. TOPICS AND LEADERS
 March 3—The Christian Virtues, 111
 Patience, 2 Thess, 3:15, Dr. Bertha
 Goba.

March 10—Christian testimony that
 counts, John 1:29-42. Led by the prayer
 meeting committee.

March 17—Success worth having and
 not worth having. Dan. 4:28-37, Mrs.
 D. F. Knot.

Monthly meeting of the society Tues-
 day evening, February 20th. The so-
 ciety will be entertained by Dr. Bertha
 Goba and Miss Rose Goba at the Ham-
 ilton house, 339 West Berry street.
 Every member of the society is urged
 to be at this meeting.

Y. P. S. C. E. COMMITTEES 1912.

Lookout Committee—Hazel Gooley,
 chairman; Bertha Weickart, Lulu Bit-
 ner, Rev. A. K. Zartman.

Prayer Meeting Committee—Abram
 Jones, chairman, Evan Williams Elsie
 Weickart.

Social Committee—Nora Miner, chair-
 man; Alice Saffen, Bertha iBtner, Ruth
 Gumpfer, Arthur Bitner.

Missionary Committee—Mrs. A. K.
 Zartman, chairman; Anna oDermer, Liz-
 zie Rudisill.

Whatsoever Committee — Robert
 Schmitt, csairman, Mrs. Knott, Estella
 Bottger, Arthur Weiler.

There has been considerable talk
 about a Bible class for men only. The
 pastor will be only too glad to have
 the class divided, and do everything he
 can for a men's class, if the men of the
 church will respond and work. There
 are seventy-five, and more, men in
 Grace church who should be in the
 class, and who could attend Sunday
 school just as well as not, if they would
 be willing to make the effort. What a
 help and inspiration it would be to the
 men if they would join hands and
 work to get every man in Grace church
 into a men's class, and then work to
 get their friends interested.

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